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FOR SHINN FROM GARRISON

E.O. 1165 2: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INFORMAL

1. I TRUST YOU ARE AWARE THAT VALENTIN BEREZHKOVA
IS COMING TO TAKE THE USA INSTITUTE SLOT IN THE
EMBASSY. YOU MIGHT TAKE A LOOK AT HIS INTERVIEW
IN THE AUGUST ISSUE OF SOVIET LIFE.

2. RE ADMIN STAFFING AND CADRE-BUILDING:

A. JOHN CONDAYAN HAS A SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT IMPRESSION
OF HIS TALKS WITH SHERROD. JOHN'S STRONG FEELING IS
THAT WE NEED YOUNG, BRIGHT, AND HUNGRY OFFICERS WHO
ARE ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALISTS FOR USSR POSTS. THIS
IS ESSENTIAL FOR EFFECTIVE OPERATIONS NOW AND FOR
DEVELOPING A CADRE TO DRAW FROM IN FUTURE ADMIN
ASSIGNMENTS HERE.

B. FURTHER, JOHN DID NOT UNDERSTAND AT THAT TIME THAT
THE LE COCQ AND JOHNSON ASSIGNMENTS WERE SO DEFINITELY
SET. HIS OBJECTION IS NOT BASED ON THEIR ABILITIES
OR DEDICATION TO THIS ASSIGNMENT, BUT TO THE FACT
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THAT THEIR GSO TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE WILL NOT HELP
US IN OUR ADMIN STAFFING IN FUTURE YEARS. WOULD IT BE
FEASIBLE TO BRACKET THEM IN ONE SLOT A LA FEENEY/KENNEDY,
THUS FREEING A SLOT FOR AN ADMIN TYPE?

C. WE BELIEVE THAT IN THE FUTURE NORMALLY ONLY ONE
GSO POSITION SHOULD BE DEVOTED TO GENERAL CADRE-

BUILDING AND ASSIGNMENT OF OTHER-THAN ADMIN CONE OFFICERS.

D. THE SAME PROBLEM ARISES WITH THE PROPOSED BURAKOW ASSIGNMENT TO PER. JOHN'S POINT IS THAT WE SHOULD BE OFFERING INDUCEMENTS TO AN ADMIN CONE OFFICER: FOR EXAMPLE, BY OFFERING A FOLLOW-ON ASSIGNMENT TO THE ADMIN OFFICER OR SUPERVISORY GSO POSITION. ALTHOUGH THOSE POSITIONS ARE ALSO GRADED AT PRESENT AT FSO-4, THEY WOULD PROVIDE EXCELLENT PREPARATION FOR A SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION AS A NEXT ASSIGNMENT. UNTIL WE DEVELOP THAT MIND-SET ON ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS TO MOWCOW WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE DIFFICULTY IN RECRUITING FOR SENIOR ADMIN POSITIONS GENERALLY, AND, MORE PARTICULARLY, IN FILLING THOSE POSITIONS WITH OFFICERS WHO ARE PREPARED TO DEAL WITH MOSCOW'S SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS. WE RECOGNIZE SUCH OFFICERS ARE HARD TO FIND; PERHAPS EUR/EX COULD BE ENLISTED TO HELP.

3. RE PARA 7, PLEASE HOLD OFF ON ASKING FOR ANOTHER JORP UNTIL WE HAVE A CLEARER PICTURE OF STAFFING NEEDS AND AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING AND OFFICE SPACE. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DISCUSS CONSULAR STAFFING WITH TOM HUTSON, WHO ARRIVED HERE SEPT. 12.

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4. THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF FLOWERS TO MIKE BOORSTEIN'S MOTHER-IN-LAW. A CHECK IS ON THE WAY TO SHERROD.

5. WE ARE POUCHING A DOZEN EMBASSY PHONE DIRECTORIES (ALWAYS A COUPLE OF MONTHS OUT OF DATE) AND THE "QUICK REFERENCE TELEPHONE LIST" (MORE CURRENT). WE DO NOT HAVE ANY EXTRA COPIES OF THE SPRING/SUMMER EDITION OF "INFORMATION MOSCOW" BUT WILL SEND SIX COPIES OF THE FALL/WINTER EDITION AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY PRELIMINARY INDICATIONS WHETHER THE WARMER BREEZES NOW BLOWING ARE HAVING ANY EFFECT ON ATTITUDES ON SUCH MATTERS AS NOVIKOV VISIT/ HOUSING JCM AND ENERGY JCM.

7. RE STATE 230886 WE NOTE THAT EDWARD MCGAFFIGAN WAS OMITTED FROM INFCE DELEGATION DESPITE OUR REQUEST PER MOSCOW 21484. WHILE WE REALIZE THAT US DELEGATION IS RATHER LARGE, IT NEVERTHELESS WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL TO HAVE MCGAFFIGAN PARTICIPATE IN VIEW OF HIS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE ATOMIC ENERGY BILATERAL AND

HIS COORDINATIVE ROLE WITH THE SOVIETS ON INFCE. IF
THERE ARE NO OBJECTIONS WE INTEND TO NOMINATE

MCGAFFIGAN AS AN OBSERVER TO THESE MEETINGS. SUGGEST
YOU CHECK WITH JOHN BORIGHT IN OES/NET.

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8. YOUR UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE HEALTH JCM PER
STATE 226261 WAS TIMELY AND USEFUL. AS EXPECTED
SOVIET COCHAIRMAN VENEDIKTOV PAID GREAT ATTENTION TO
US DELEGATION AT ALMA ATA AND RAISED
INFORMALLY WITH DR. RICHMONG PLANS FOR THE OCTOBER
JDM, PROPOSING VISITS TO NOVOSIBIRSK, KIEV AND
LENINGRAD. RICHMONG CAREFULLY AVOIDED GIVING THE
SOVIETS THE IMPRESSION THAT THE JCM WAS SET IN
CONCRETE. RICHMONG MENTIONED TO GREENBERG THAT HE
BELIEVES THE SCHIZOPHRENIA PROJECT SHOULD BE SCRUBBED
AND THAT SOME LESS CONTENTIOUS AREA BE SUBSTITUTED,
E.G. CHILD DEVELOPMENT.

9. RE STATE 231282, PARA 2, WE DON'T YET HAVE
THE REFERENCED AIRGRAM. IS THIS THE GROUP ABOUT WHICH
WE HAVE HEARD FROM BEN?
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